

March 25, 2003

Exemption No. 6741B
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-8863

Captain J.T. Knight
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Dear Captain Knight:

This is in response to your March 4, 2003, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Department of the Navy (Navy) for an extension of Exemption No. 6741, as amended. That exemption from § 91.215(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits the Navy to provide realistic air combat training in airspace defined in the exemption as the "Transponder-Off Area."

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the Navy.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6741, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. § 40109, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 6741, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its March 31, 2003, termination date to March 31, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6741, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6741.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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